

The Parish Magazine

Holy Trinity Sunningdale
Church and Community
Sharing God's Love

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10:00 am

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intergenerational service with
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10:30 am Joint Morning Service

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6:00 pm Mass
Sunday
10:00 am Mass
11:30 am Mass

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We Are Here For You

If you can't get out to do shopping,
would enjoy having someone to chat
with or would like prayers for anything,
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someone from our Pastoral Team will
get in touch with you.

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A MESSAGE FROM JON:

I thought I had got used to uncertainty and surprises. I guess in some ways I have.

Just when the school were ready to relax the restrictions a rise in Covid cases meant they stayed in place. Fair enough: a shrug of the shoulders and work out what that means for plans and meetings.

I wasn't ready for a war in Europe. The reality of it and the horror of it swept away the disbelief and we are presented with something we didn't think we would see again. We should know better. The writer of Ecclesiastes had a wise view of the ways of the world. *Chapter 3 There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens. V8 – a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.*

Recalling the war-time call for daily prayer, a renewed call has gone out to pause each day at 3 pm and pray for our nations and for peace. Co-ordinated with the time difference in other nations around the globe everyone is called to stop and to pray.

I have no need to encourage generosity in terms of giving supplies, money and opening homes, all this has been swift and heartfelt. I encourage you to pray. Leave aside for now questions and unfamiliarity, simply pause at 3 pm and pray and be reassured... *Psalm 17:6, I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.* And remember the hardest lesson of all, Jesus said to pray for your enemies.

My sincere hope is that by the time you read this a ceasefire will have occurred, but that won't decrease our need to pray. Set an alarm on your phone and let's pray.

Revd Jon Hutchinson, Vicar
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Morning Prayers

Monday to Thursday
via Zoom at 8:45 am

Following Celtic Daily Prayer from the Northumbria Community and liturgy from the Society of St Francis.

Please contact the Church Office if you would like to be sent the Zoom link.



10 am Sunday worship service live-streamed and then available all week on our YouTube channel:



HTS Vicar

Sunday @ Six Café-style service (term-time only)

This event is deliberately inter-generational, suitable for all ages from school year 4 upwards.



We enjoy modern worship, shared learning and interesting refreshments!

The idea is to spend an hour together exploring an aspect of faith that will assist us in living our faith in the 99.4% of our lives spent outside the church building.

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Sallie Braithwaite
Angela Ivy Roberts
Michael Sidney Russell
Elizabeth Cooper (*burial of ashes*)

"You may shed tears that they have gone or you can smile because they have lived" Anon

Doubts, Fears and Questions:

Come and join the rest of us on a Sunday morning.

When I deliver these magazines, as well as gaining a new found respect for postmen and women, I often wonder what becomes of them? I imagine the answer is quite polarised; there are households where they are read religiously (literally!) from cover to cover, and those where they go straight into the recycling. In between, I assume there are people who perhaps take an interest in the parish and glance through it; those with some degree of faith; those who pray occasionally but privately; those who maybe used to attend church but, for various reasons have not done so for years; those who have often wondered about church, but have never actually attended a service. If you fall into any of those latter categories I wonder if I might attempt to persuade you to give church a try. I worked as an art dealer for eight-years and it was often said that you cannot make someone buy a work of art that they don't love...but if they do, you can certainly help them across the line! And that is what I want to try and do; to help you across the line, or in this case, across the threshold of Holy Trinity church on a Sunday morning.

So what might be stopping you?

Firstly, perhaps you think you are not 'good' enough? If that is the case, please rest assured you will be in good company because the simple truth is, none of us are. We are all fundamentally flawed and accepting that is vital – but we are loved by God despite these failings. If that sounds overwhelming, consider it from a personal point of view; our families and children can send us round the bend, but we still love them more than anything else on earth. Consider also, what Jesus declared as the greatest commandments, 'Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and

love your neighbour as yourself' – notice how these are entirely positive and proactive. We are told do something, rather than not do something. And it is reflected in so many ways by our church family; Foodbank, Tearfund, Traidcraft, to name a few - all practical, immediate charitable



support and assistance to those who need it now, whether they attend church or not. Another very fundamental reason people avoid church is doubt. Let me reassure you with a quote from the Vicar himself in a recent sermon, when considering a challenging passage from scripture - 'If you are anything like me, you will have a few questions about this'. God, creation, resurrection, heaven, the Holy Spirit are all monumental concepts to grasp and accept. We can never truly comprehend them and therefore doubt is a perfectly natural and, actually, very firm foundation for faith.

Questioning and discussing and wrestling with difficult topics is precisely what church is for. To share questions and concerns openly, and attempt to resolve them together. In doing so, we continue the journey of faith that each of us are on. And remember, doubt is nothing new; the story of doubting Thomas is one of the best known in the Bible. Despite witnessing much of Jesus' ministry, hearing parables from His own mouth, watching Him perform numerous miracles, Thomas could not accept that Jesus had actually risen from the dead. Only when he had placed his fingers

in Christ's wounded side did he believe. For me, this is one of the great examples of the bible being relevant and meaningful in today's world. If one of the twelve disciples struggled with it, then why shouldn't we. So bring your questions and concerns and doubts; there are plenty of people who will be more than happy to listen, discuss and do their best to answer them.

Possibly a third reason people avoid church is self-consciousness. In this increasingly secular world, announcing to friends and colleagues that you attend church can certainly raise eyebrows and never in our history have we been quicker to pigeon-hole people. In my experience though, initial surprise often leads to questions, which suggests a degree of curiosity. In other words, it is rare to come across someone who has never even considered the existence of a higher power. You might also be surprised, and I hope encouraged, to discover the variety of our congregation, in terms of background, age and career. We have scientists, doctors, nurses, estate agents, accountants, even an ex-England football international and manager. We have those just learning to walk and those who need assistance to walk, and every decade in between. My point is, we are all just people, with hopes and fears and bills to pay...and we would love you to join us, precisely as you are.

If you are slightly tempted I thought it might be helpful to finish with an outline of what will happen if you were to attend on a Sunday morning. The service starts at 10 am and people generally arrive a bit before that. There is no dress code, with one member of the PCC often arriving in shorts in the summer months.

You will be warmly welcomed at the door (unless there is a technical hitch in which case forgive us!) and we have recently taken names and contact details – this helps us keep tabs on numbers and means we could contact people during the pandemic, something which has mercifully not found its way into church. You are welcome to sit where you like, however I would strongly recommend the seats near a heater in the winter months. The service is conducted by one of our leaders and the words and hymns appear on one of two big screens so you won't go wrong. The service lasts about an hour and roughly three quarters of the way through you will be invited up to the front to take communion or receive a blessing. You are welcome to take part but



equally welcome to stay seated. At the end of the service the leaders generally stand by the door for a quick chat as people leave. Just because you appear one Sunday, does not mean you have to appear the next; it is not boot camp. I am a churchwarden and

I am not there every Sunday. Try it, reflect and come back when you feel ready – how bad can an hour of peaceful reflection, away from the demands of this frantic world be?

The last two years have changed us all, and the last few months show how fragile our existence is. Come and experience something constant, something that promises not to change, something that we can rely on. Take that step into church. It is a step on a journey, the destination of which, promises to be wonderful beyond our imagination.

Michael Grist, Churchwarden

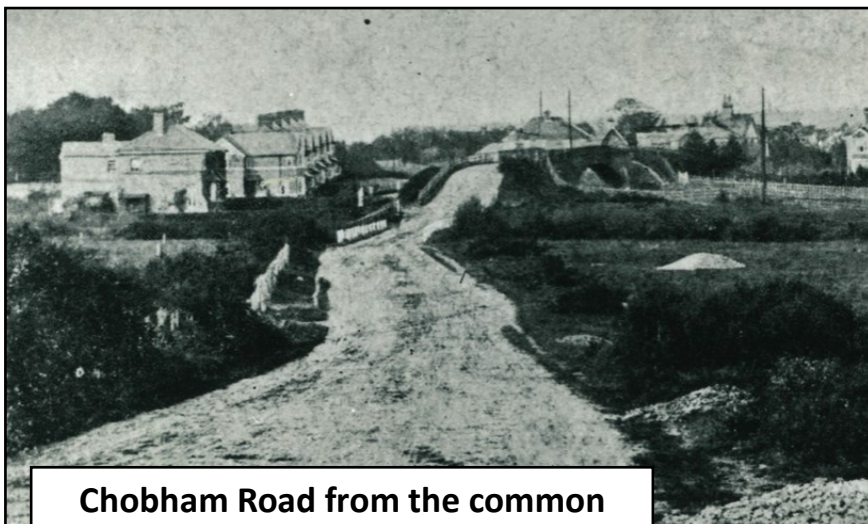
Living History

I've shared with you before my fascination with photographs and details of Sunningdale's history. Someone has kindly left a watercolour of the church and photographs of Sunningdale's past on the old Vicarage doorstep, so my neighbour brought them round to the new Vicarage. Thank you anonymous person, I'm delighted to have received them.

I was fascinated to see the picture of the Chobham Road as it approaches the railway bridge and when looking at Broomhall Lane the church member looking over my shoulder, (Ted Reed) said, "that's my great-grandad". (The person with the cow!)

I don't suppose house builders and road makers, railway engineers and town planners have a momentous sense of history through every part of their day and yet each development changes the landscape and changes the story of a place.

The old photographs tell a story of how things were; a pony and trap trotting along the road, how the station used to look, which buildings are the old buildings and how the spaces have been filled in with new properties.



If you would like to see the pictures I'll display them in church. The Café is open every Wednesday morning so come on in and add to my knowledge (*because I cannot identify School Road Sunningdale! I have the sneaky suspicion it's Windlesham*).

I think I have a greater sense of history because of *Transforming Trinity*. The long slow stage of consultation is nearing its end and every conversation has been helpful in considering what is relevant and appropriate in re-ordering the beautiful church we have inherited.



I've been obliged to track the history of changes already made and I have a reasonable idea of the dates and times of each major new development. (*See the church website under Transforming Trinity/History*)

Considering how to transform a church to make it relevant and functional for the future and yet retain authenticity and character is a challenge and I am glad to have creative and knowledgeable professionals to work with.

The photographs I've recently received included two of the previous church built on this site. That church had a square tower at the west end (see front cover). I imagine when they built it in 1839 they thought it would stand for centuries to come. It was there for less than 50 years. By 1887 the church we have now had been built.

Unlike the Victorians we won't be demolishing and starting again, that would be a little too historic for my liking. A living history is one that embraces the past and makes it relevant for the present. The biggest mistake is to think that what we do will last forever and yet what we will do has to be in continuity with the past.

I will report on progress at the Annual meeting on 3 April and hope to take *Transforming Trinity* a step further this year.

It's a Sign

I've never been good or quick at reading signs while my wife, Katherine is much faster. If we are at Waterloo looking at the huge display she can spot our train while I'm still working my way along the list. Same thing in airports and department stores and with road signs.

I also fail both ways. If the sign has lots of information I start reading it all line by line quite slowly whereas a quick scan tells Katherine what she needs to know. When I do the quick scan I miss-read the information.

I recently went on a retreat and was looking for the car park and reception. There was the sign, right height, right position and very clear. **CAR PARK AND RECEPTION** with an arrow to my left. I turned in.

Walking with my bags towards the building I met a young chap jogging the same way who no doubt spotted my suitcase and bags. "Are you looking for reception?" I said I was. "It's down in the main building", he said, pointing in a completely different direction. I kept my thoughts to myself about the accuracy of signage. The plus point in this story is that I kept it to myself.

When I went for a walk the next morning I saw the sign again. The sign did indeed say car park and reception but it ALSO said that it was for a different building and location to the one I was visiting and I simply hadn't read that bit. I saw what I wanted to see and went the wrong way.

You can of course have too many signs. We visited Folkestone and oh my goodness they do love a warning sign.
Danger these rocks are slippery.
Danger these cliffs can crumble.
Danger you can get cut off by the tide.
Notice, no drinking, no legal highs, no music, no camping, no parties.
Danger, seagulls can attack you and peck out your eyes.
Folkestone has a very active signage department. And I made up the last one!

While on retreat I saw a familiar sign. This one I've been following for a long time now. I know some of what it means and I know what it's pointing too. The season of Lent is a good time to look at this sign and ponder the depths of it's meaning. It's both ugly and beautiful. It's offensive and comforting. It's a sign of hope and yet was always a sign for despair. It can be displayed in the most ornate and decorative of ways and in stark wooden simplicity. I've seen it worn, as a tattoo, as graffiti and in countless pictures. It's the means of crucifixion and yet speaks of love.



At the heart of the Christian faith is a wooden cross. However intellectual we might be in our theology, or poetic in our music and liturgy or decorative in our art, the old wooden cross remains a sign of the love of God for a broken world. Here, it says, He took my place. To quote a modern lyric.... *'we stand forgiven at the cross'*.

I'll probably go on being slow with signs, missing the bit I ought to read and having to turn round and go back. But not with the cross. Each time I look at that sign, I know where I'm going. Perhaps we leave the last word to an old hymn.

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross
where the Dearest and Best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.*

Revd Terry



As I write, it is exactly two years to the day since Holy Trinity was invited to join a support hub established by Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council to provide a co-ordinated response to the pandemic. During the early months of lockdown 1 the hub made a priority of helping to identify and respond to instances of short-term food poverty which were becoming increasingly common. Holy Trinity, with our long-standing tradition of supporting individuals and families in such difficulties, were to the fore in this co-ordinated support effort.

Whilst the hub's remit was always intended to be short-term, a number of the hub charities have agreed to continue co-ordinating their work and a common triage system has been agreed to enable those seeking help to be referred directly to the charity best placed to offer the support needed.

Unfortunately, whilst lockdown restrictions have come to an end, the difficulties faced by many families have not; indeed, we all find ourselves in more challenging times and we anticipate not only the number of families seeking help will continue for the longer term but also they will struggle with non-food related issues too.

In anticipation of this we have extended our Foodbank provision (see opposite) and also established the Holy Trinity Hardship Fund which will enable us to provide practical or financial support on a longer term basis, both for food and non-food related matters. The fund will be overseen by the PCC and individual requests for help will initially be processed by Roz, in her capacity as head of our pastoral team and myself.

In closing, two verses from Proverbs come to mind:

*22.2: The rich and poor have this in common:
The Lord is the maker of all.*

*22.9: The generous will themselves be blessed,
for they share their food with the poor.*

Revd Terry Ward-Hall

Our Church Foodbank

It is a challenging time financially for many people at the moment, so Holy Trinity is extending its Foodbank provision.

We offer a range of essential food, household and toiletry items to anyone in need.

We are open on the first Sunday of the month between 9:00 - 9:30 am and the first Wednesday of the month between 9:30 - 10:00 am.

No referral is needed, just come along to collect some donated goods.

If you need any further information or help, please contact the Church Office:
T: 01344 621886
E: htschurchoffice@gmail.com



Rendezvous Café in Church

Open **EVERY
Wednesday**

9:45 - 11:45 am

An ideal meeting place
where you will always receive
a friendly welcome
from our volunteer staff.
Come alone or bring your friends.

Excellent value.

Tea/coffee and a slice of cake
just £2.



Little ones
welcomed,
toys available.
Free Wi-Fi.



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Fairtrade church,
which helps make
a real difference to the
lives of farmers and
workers in developing
countries.

Fairtrade, defined simply, is when
producers are paid a fair price for
their work, so they can afford life's
essentials - like housing, food,
education and healthcare.

The tea and coffee we serve in church
is fairly traded and since 1998 we have
had a Traidcraft stall selling Fairtrade
products. Traidcraft's mission is to fight
poverty through trade, to help people in
developing countries transform their
lives. Their vision is for a world freed
from poverty, where trade is just, and
people and communities can flourish.



CARING CUISINE

Our gift to you, given with love.

There can be times when receiving
a ready prepared meal
or a home baked cake

would be a very welcome gift.

In line with the HTS Church Family
ethos of offering care within our
community, we are delighted to offer
Caring Cuisine.

How does it work? Dedicated volunteers
cook meals or soup suitable for freezing
for 2-4 persons and large or small cakes.

Who is eligible? Anyone in our
community, not necessarily from the
Church Family. A new baby has arrived.
A member of the family is ill, or
recuperating after an operation, or has
had an accident. A new home has been
moved into. Literally any time when
someone is facing temporary challenging
changes.

What do I need to do? If you know of
someone you feel would appreciate a gift
from **Caring Cuisine** please contact
Amanda in the Church Office (01344
621886). She will pass on the details and
I will call to offer our gift and arrange to
deliver it.

Warmest wishes Karen Fisher



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting
Traidcraft and those who have generously
ordered food items and Easter Eggs for the
church Foodbank. The recipients are extremely
grateful and it will also be helping the producers
in vulnerable communities around the world.
Our Traidcraft stall in church is now open again
after the 10 am Sunday service.

Buying tea, biscuits, pasta, cards etc, is a great
way to support Traidcraft and its suppliers.
Please take a catalogue from the Traidcraft
table if you would like to place an order.

Scouts



1st Sunningdale

Scouting in Sunningdale
for over 110 years

News from Sandy Lane

In the last few months, we have been busy continuing to raise funds for our new Scout Hut. We've had a few setbacks with some of our lovely leaders getting Covid but are now back on track. By the time you read this we will have completed another amazing Quiz Night at Holy Trinity Church. A busy night that combined fabulous food and tricky trivia alongside a raffle and Silent Auction – quite the juggle! Thank you to all the brilliant, kind, and charitable local businesses who once again have helped us in our time of need. We really do appreciate all your support – and for those of you who might be interested in seeing photos from the night, and seeing the fantastic donations that were up for grabs, then please visit us at www.sunningdalescouts.org.uk

If you happened to miss out this March, but would like to get involved and secure a table for next time, then please email us at Quiz_Night@sunningdalescouts.onmicrosoft.com

Since last time, Christian, our Explorers' Leader has also worked tirelessly to give us another successful Bike Sale. Taking pre-loved bikes of all shapes and sizes, the team has serviced and fixed them up so they are ready for their next owner and adventure – good news for us and the environment.

For all you art lovers out there....On 21st April, from 7pm; internationally-renowned artist, exhibition curator and local gallery owner, Alan Kluckow will be hosting an insightful and informative evening on the most important and influential concepts in art; from ancient past to the present day. Cutting through the jargon, this light-hearted evening is set to thrill – £25 per ticket for art, wine and nibbles, and the best part...all profits will be donated to our New Hut Fund. Thank you, Alan. If you would like to purchase tickets, then please email us at enquiries@sunningdalescouts.org.uk

Our 300 Club is also going from strength to strength. With a bigger top prize (£100, two 2nd prizes of £50 and three 3rd prizes of £25) in the April and May draws, this is a great gift idea for anyone – that keeps giving. The cost is £5 per month for either 6 or 12 months, and your giftee is in with a chance of winning one of six cash prizes every month. Please go to the website <https://sunningdalescouts.org.uk/wp/new-hut/300-club/> to sign up.

Lastly, we are now able to shape our designs for our new Scout Hut, thanks to the fantastic support of Twenty 20 Architecture, Sunningdale. This enables us to maximise our available space, and therefore greatly increase the opportunities for our young people. The plans, to be submitted for planning permission in April, will be available for formal consultation.

All the Sections have had another busy term. The Beavers made their own pancakes on upside down tin cans, cooked using the heat of a tea-light. They have also had a session at the "Clip n Climb" in Camberley, as well as learning their Green Cross Code. The Cubs have put up hammocks and run around at Earleywood with head torches (always popular), as well as completing their First Aid badge prior to using tools for some D-I-Y (very timely!). The Scouts have been learning knots, ahead of rigging up high ropes across the hut, so they can move from one end to the other without touching the ground. And of course, no term would be complete without the Scouts lighting at least one fire and doing the Chip Shop Challenge. The Explorers have made Finnish log candles, been go-karting and participated in the always popular Monopoly Run in London. In conjunction with the Scouts, the Explorers have also set up a "Bacon Butty" stall at the monthly Ascot Farmer's Market to help raise funds for the new hut, so do pop along and try one.

And now we're all looking forward to our Group Camp at Longridge (Marlow) in May on the theme of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We're absolutely delighted that 80 young people will be attending as it'll be the first time all sections have camped together since 2019.

Thank you again for your continued support, we hope that you have a wonderful Easter.



Front elevation